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Ms. Emma Best  
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Dear Ms. Best:

On 30 October 2018, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 30 October 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following records: **copies of the most recent 4,000 pages of Agency originated emails containing any of the non-case sensitive terms "blockchain", "block chain" or "block-chain"**.

After reviewing the substance of your request as it is currently written, our office is reaching back out to you because this search cannot be conducted as our records are not configured in a way to limit that search without it being overly burdensome. This requires the agency to conduct a broad comprehensive search for emails using only a **"phrase" or "term"** that produces a voluminous amount of emails and then to unreasonably open and examine each email in order to determine the limitation of your specified pages as defined in your request. Therefore, your request is declined as it is unreasonably burdensome. This does not preclude you from rescoping your email request. We will hold your request in abeyance for 45 business days (01/29/2019) from the date of this letter pending your response. If we do not hear from you on 29 January 2019, we will assume you are not interested in modifying this request and close your request as it is not reasonably described. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allison Fong", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allison Fong  
Information and Privacy Coordinator